

## V. Inventory Of Areas And Facilities

### A. City Parks and Parkland

Wichita Falls has a variety of developed parks totaling 926.26 acres, from mini-park (less than 5 acres) to the 258 acre Weeks Park, the City's largest park, which accommodates an 18 hole golf course and 9 court tennis center. **Table 12** provides a quick alphabetical reference to the city's 39 developed parks including acreage and size classification.

Within the park system, there are numerous facilities that are available for recreation use. **Table 13** lists the departmental summary of available facilities. A complete listing of parks and facilities within each is illustrated in **Appendix 2**.

Until 1985, the city council was elected "at large" and there were no council districts. Prior to that date, the Parks & Recreation Department was divided into park districts for maintenance distribution. In 1985, city council district boundary lines were drawn, with each district encompassing parks, and the maintenance districts were changed simply to north and south zones. **Table 14** shows the distribution of parks, including individual and overall park acreage within each of the city's 5 council districts. Also shown is the size classification of each park within the districts. **Map C** illustrates parklands currently within City Council Districts.

The city owns, operates and maintains an 8-field softball complex located adjacent to Interstate 44 as illustrated in **Table 15**. Centrally located within the complex is a 2-story facility that accommodates a food concession, rest rooms, scorekeeper booths, and large meeting room. Also on the property, adjacent to the playing fields, is Plum Lake, a recreational fishing lake that is stocked annually with trout and available for year-round fishing and a Skate Park. Because much of the property is in the floodplain, its uses are limited. Several acres are used as a tree nursery for the entire park system.



*Photo, above left, shows one of the city's tree nurseries. Above right is the tree spade placing a nursery-grown tree in the city developed & constructed tree trailer for transportation to one of the medians.*

### Public Cemeteries and Areas

Outside the realm of the main park system in the city, the Parks & Recreation Dept. is responsible for maintenance and landscaping of several different public areas.

**PARKS AND RECREATION**  
**DEPARTMENT**  
**CITY OF WICHITA FALLS**

	<b><u>PARKS</u></b>	<b><u>ADDRESS</u></b>	<b><u>ACRES</u></b>
1.	Belair	Opal & Lesley	3.00
2.	<b>Ben Donnell</b>	<b>Wichita &amp; Calhoun</b>	<b>1.68</b>
3.	Bridwell	Harrison & Ave. C	7.58
4.	<b>Bud Daniel</b>	<b>Ninth &amp; Ohio</b>	<b>0.45</b>
5.	<b>City View</b>	<b>4309 Viewpark</b>	<b>5.98</b>
6.	<b>Conoco</b>	<b>1200 N. Eastside Dr.</b>	<b>2.46</b>
7.	Edgemere	1579 Mesquite	5.80
8.	<b>Expressway Village</b>	<b>5514 Castle Dr.</b>	<b>10.16</b>
9.	<b>Front &amp; Indiana</b>	<b>Front &amp; Indiana</b>	<b>0.42</b>
10.	Grant Street	Grant & Ave. L	0.70
11.	Hamilton	2901 Hamilton	48.14
12.	<b>Harold Jones</b>	<b>1400 Ninth</b>	<b>4.90</b>
13.	Hursh	4211 Kelly	5.75
14.	Indian Heights	2004 Indian Heights	0.99
15.	<b>Jalonick</b>	<b>400 Jalonick</b>	<b>9.44</b>
16.	Jarratt	3715 Cumberland	1.54
17.	Kiwanis	4400 Southwest Pkwy.	67.37
18.	Lake Wichita	5205 Fairway	277.87
19.	Lamar	2300 Lucas	10.56
20.	<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>Roosevelt &amp; Homes</b>	<b>4.86</b>
21.	<b>Lions</b>	<b>JoAnn &amp; Katherine</b>	<b>1.98</b>
22.	Loch Lomand	230 Loch Lomand	17.85
23.	<b>Lucy</b>	<b>100 Sunset Dr.</b>	<b>163.89</b>
24.	<b>Lynwood East</b>	<b>1515 Redfox</b>	<b>11.29</b>
25.	Martin Plaza	3101 Harrison	9.20
26.	Morningside	Morningside & Pembroke	1.22
27.	<b>O'Reilly</b>	<b>Front &amp; Lee</b>	<b>7.31</b>
28.	<b>Park Central</b>	<b>8th &amp; Scott</b>	<b>0.85</b>
29.	Roselawn	2403 Roselawn	2.53
30.	Rotary	4301 Phillips	10.48
31.	<b>Scotland</b>	<b>201 Central Freeway</b>	<b>11.87</b>
32.	Softball Complex/Skate Park	1702 Sheppard Access Rd.	58.10
33.	<b>Spudder</b>	<b>7th &amp; Tulsa</b>	<b>19.25</b>
34.	<b>Sunset Terrace</b>	<b>1612 Cimarron</b>	<b>12.81</b>
35.	Weeks	2006 Southwest Pkwy.	258.40
36.	Westover Hills	1050 E. Wenonah	6.52
37.	<b>Wichita Bluffs Open Space</b>	<b>4000 Seymour Highway</b>	<b>81.03</b>
38.	<b>Wichita River Bend RV</b>	<b>300 Central Freeway</b>	<b>5.86</b>
39.	<b>Williams</b>	<b>900 Elwood</b>	<b>50.74</b>

40. Wood Memorial	4401 Maplewood	6.19
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<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>		<b>1207.02</b>
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Riverside Cemetery	1810 Seymour Hwy.	36.10
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Rosemont Cemetery	4441 Southwest Pkwy.	29.02
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Lakeview Cemetery	4440 Southwest Pkwy.	11.36
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MPEC	5th & Burnett	80.37
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Business Park	US 287 & Fisher Rd.	534.44
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Park Maint. Shop	204 Van Buren	
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Kiwanis Maint. Shop	4400 Southwest Pkwy.	
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**Table 13**  
**Summary of Parks & Recreation Department Facilities**

Facility	Number
Developed Parks	40
Baseball Fields (lighted)	11
Baseball Fields (unlighted)	5
Basketball Courts (covered, lighted, 6 goal)	1
Basketball Courts (2 goals)	5
Basketball Courts (1/2 court with 1 goal)	17
Boat Ramps	2
Canoe Ramps	2
Disc Golf Courses (18 holes)	2
Fishing Piers	3
Football Fields (lighted)	4
Football Fields (unlighted)	1
Golf Courses (18 holes)	1
Horseshoe Courts	6
Log Cabin (1000 sq. ft. rental facility)	1
Picnic Pavilions (large – lighted)	10
Picnic Shelters (medium)	7
Picnic Shelters (small)	30
Playground Units (modular – sand base)	18
Playground Equipment (units)	26
Ponds	15
Prairie Dog Town	1
Radio Control Airplane Landing Strip	1
Recreation Center w/o Gym	1
RV Park (28 spaces)	1
RV Dump Station	1
Sand Volleyball Courts	2
Soccer Fields (lighted)	1
Soccer Fields (unlighted)	3
Softball Fields (lighted)	11
Softball Complex (4-field, lighted)	2
Spray Pools	2
Swimming Pool & Bath House (Olympic)	1
Tennis Centers with Pro Shops	2
Tennis Courts (lighted – at tennis centers)	21
Tennis Courts (unlighted)	9
Trails (miles of asphalt)	1.57
Trails (miles of concrete)	9.47
Tree Nurseries	3
Turf & Shrub Exhibit	1
Volleyball Court (concrete)	2
Water Fall	1
Xeriscape Exhibit	1

**Table 14 - Wichita Falls Parks – Classification & Acreage by Council District**

<i>District</i>	<i>Park</i>	<i>Mini</i>	<i>Neighborhood</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Large Urban</i>	<i>Regional</i>	
1	Belair	3.0	7.58			163.89	
1	Bridwell						
1	Grant Street	.70					
1	Harold Jones	4.90					
1	Indian Heights	.99					
1	Jarratt	1.54	6.52			80.81	
1	Lucy						
1	Morningside	1.22					
1	Westover Hills						
1	Wichita Bluffs						
<i>Dist. 1 Total Acreage (271.15)</i>		<i>12.35</i>	<i>14.10</i>			<i>244.70</i>	
2	Ben Donnell	1.68	9.44	10.56			
2	Bud Daniel	0.45					
2	Conoco	2.46					
2	Front & Indiana	0.42					
2	Jalonick						
2	Lamar		11.29				
2	Lincoln	4.86					
2	Lynwood East						
2	O'Reilly	7.31					
2	Park Central	0.85					
2	Scotland		11.87	19.25			
2	Spudder						
2	Williams						
<i>Dist. 2 Total Acreage (131.18)</i>		<i>18.03</i>	<i>32.60</i>	<i>80.55</i>			
3	Kiwanis	2.53	10.48		67.37		
3	Roselawn				42.9		
3	Rotary						
3	Weeks						
3	Wood Memorial						
<i>Dist. 3 Total Acreage (129.47)</i>		<i>2.53</i>	<i>16.67</i>		<i>110.27</i>		
4	Edgemere		5.80	17.85	48.14	277.87	
4	Hamilton						
4	Hursh		5.75				
4	Lake Wichita						
4	Loch Lomond						
4	Martin Plaza		9.20				
<i>Dist. 4 Total Acreage (364.61)</i>		<i>0</i>	<i>20.75</i>	<i>17.85</i>	<i>48.14</i>	<i>277.87</i>	

**Table 14 (continued)**  
**Wichita Falls Parks – Classification & Acreage by Council District**

<i>District 5</i>	<i>Park</i>	<i>Mini</i>	<i>Neighborhood</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Large Urban</i>	<i>Regional</i>
5	City View		5.98			
5	Expressway Village		10.16			
5	Lions	1.98				
5	Sunset Terrace			12.81		
<b><i>Dist. 5 Total Acreage (30.93)</i></b>		<b><i>1.98</i></b>	<b><i>16.14</i></b>	<b><i>12.81</i></b>		
<b><i>Grand Total All Districts (926.63)</i></b>		<b><i>34.89</i></b>	<b><i>100.26</i></b>	<b><i>111.21</i></b>	<b><i>158.41</i></b>	<b><i>522.57</i></b>

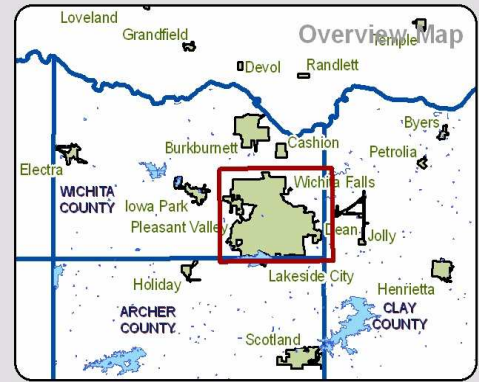


*Above left, picnic units in Spudder park.*  
*Above right, play unit with sand base in Spudder Park.*  
*Left, Play area in O'Reilly Park created from discarded equipment, dirt, culverts and heavily landscaped with trees from the city tree nurseries.*

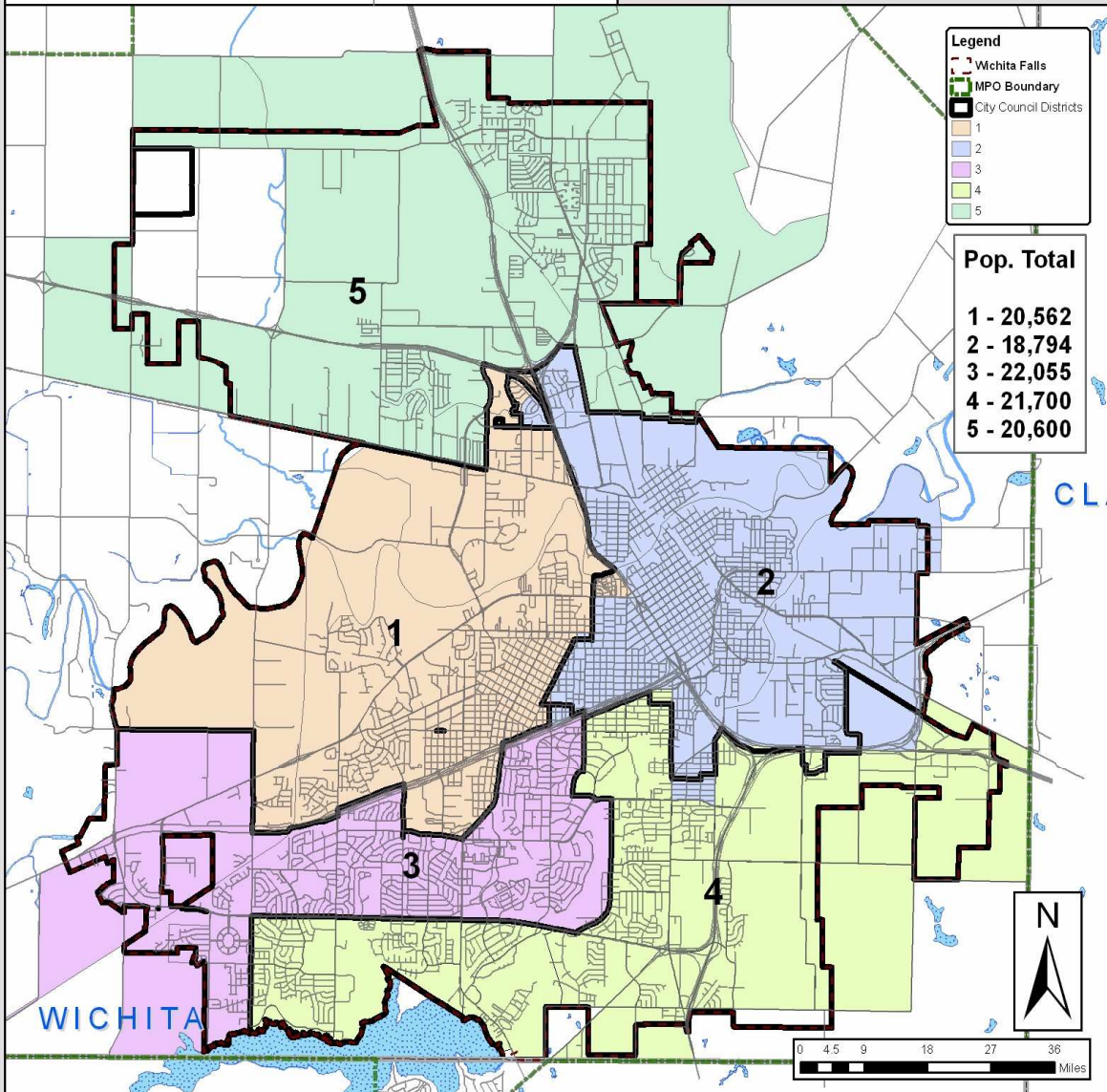


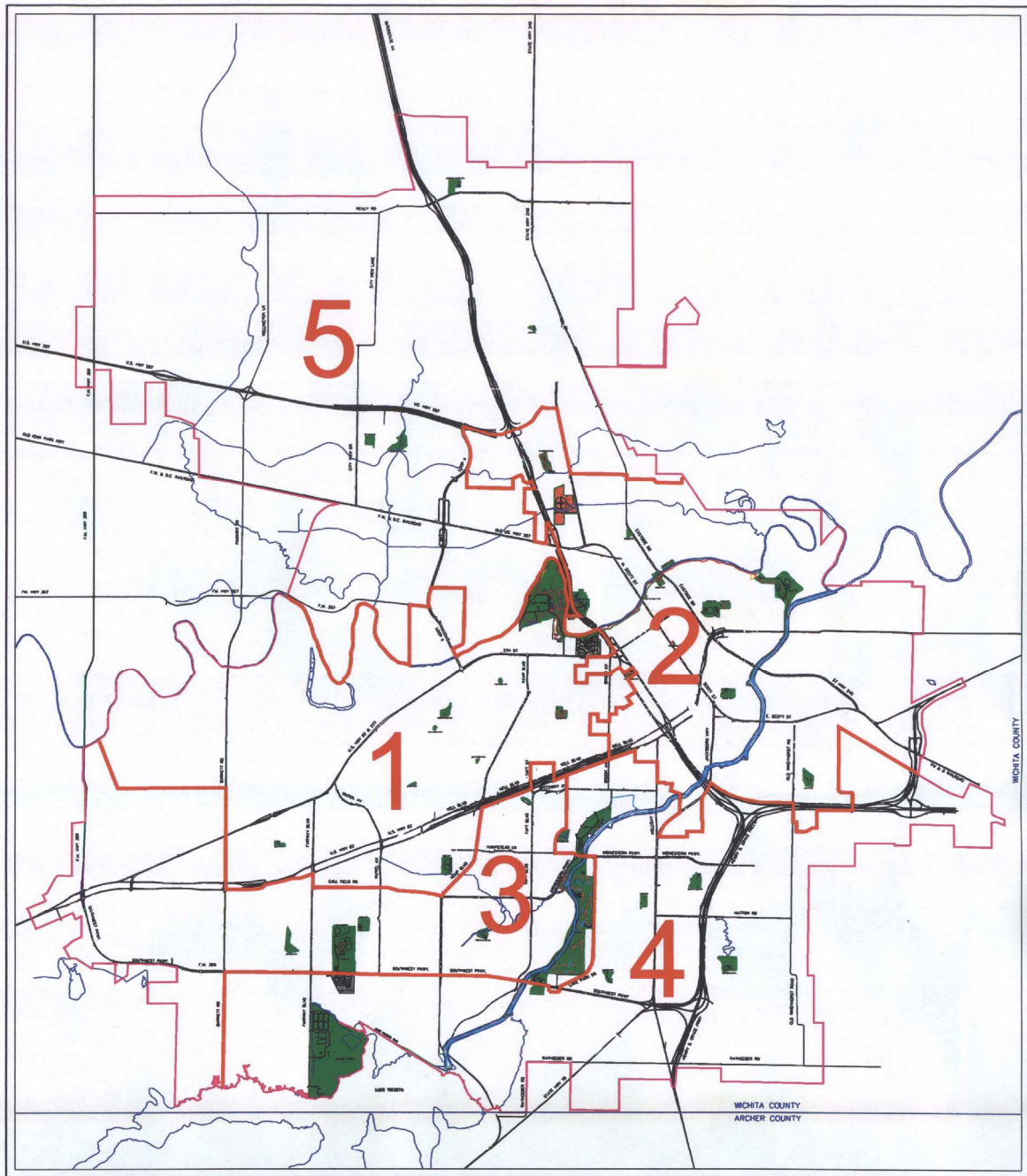
## City Council Districts

<b>Area Location:</b>	City of Wichita Falls
<b>Purpose of Study:</b>	Population breakdown for each City Council District
<b>Date:</b>	May 2009
<b>Source of Data:</b>	2008 Socio-economic Update
<b>Created By:</b>	D. Arbeau



<b>Title</b>	<b>Population (TAZs)</b>
<b>Map Information</b>	Map shows the population total for each Council District based on Traffic Analysis Zone (2005) populations







**Table 15**  
**Regional Athletic Facility Acreage**

Facility	Acres
Wichita Falls Sports Complex	58.10
Total Regional Athletic Facility Acreage Maintained	58.10



*Wichita Falls Sports Complex – Eight field softball complex, food concession, large meeting room, indoor scorekeepers’ booths, restrooms, storage facility and parking lot.*

One area of responsibility is city cemetery lot sales, openings & closings, and maintenance of 4 cemeteries identified in **Table 16**. Aside from cemeteries, the department is responsible for landscaping several of the city’s major highway corridors (**Table 17**). Included in the corridor-landscaping program is the planting of trees, ornamentals, and flowers, as well, as irrigation and other maintenance. **Map D** shows these highway corridors in relation to the entire city. Additionally, the department maintains over 50 acres of street boulevard medians within the city as **Table 18** illustrates. Several of the medians are landscaped in order to provide greater aesthetics for residents and visitors. In addition to boulevards, the department also maintains aesthetic traffic triangles, identified in **Table 19**. Most triangles are landscaped and enhanced with flowers, fountains and other beautiful structures. The department also performs grounds maintenance on several public buildings. **Table 20** identifies the ‘buildings and grounds’ acreage maintained by the department. Many of these facilities have landscaping and irrigation systems that require maintenance.

**Table 16**  
**Public Cemeteries**

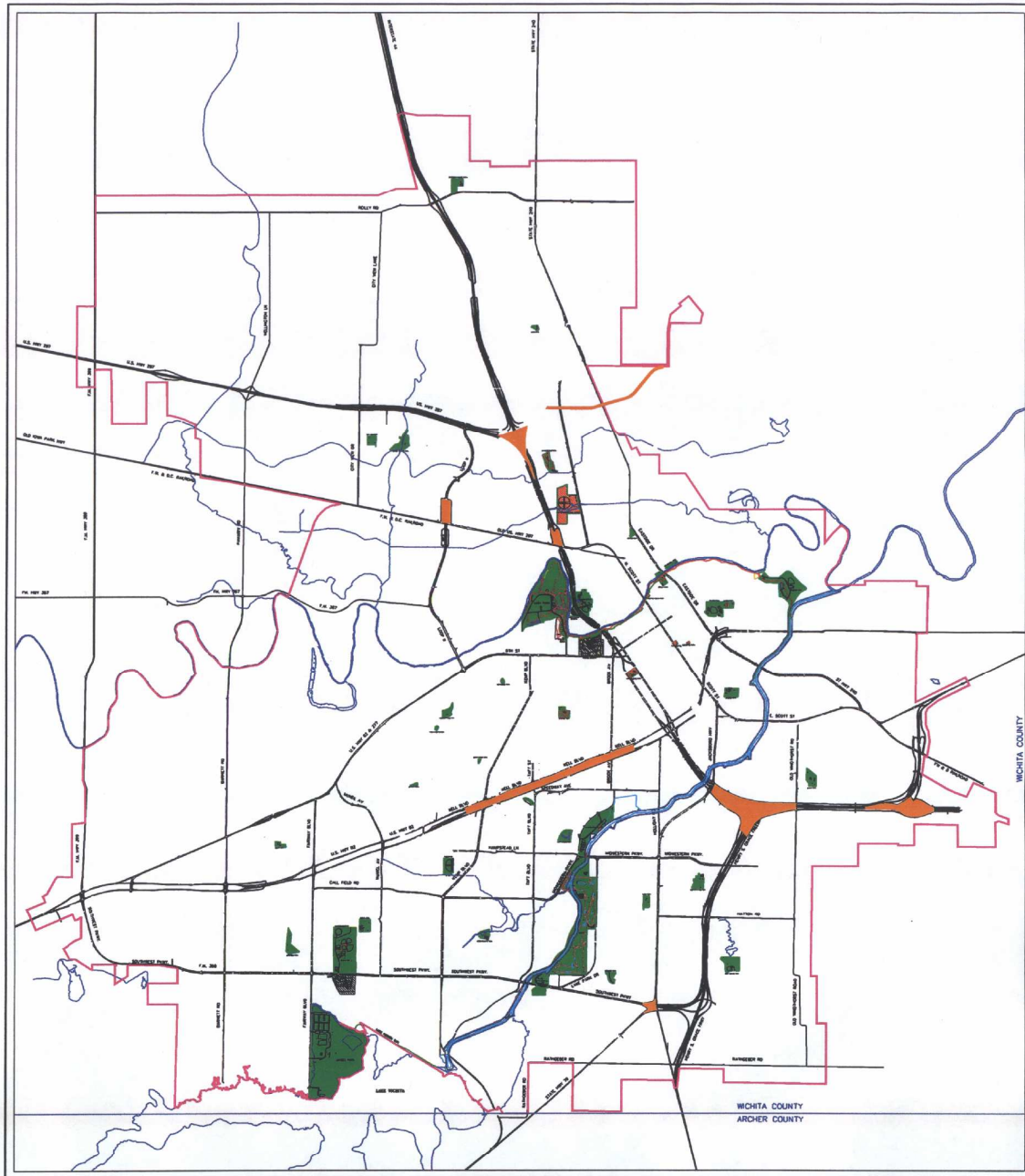
<u>Cemetery</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Hillcrest	1.34
Lakeview	11.51
Riverside	38.00
Rosemont	27.50
Total Cemetery Acreage Maintained	78.35

**Table 17**  
**Maintained**  
**Highway**  
**Corridors**

Corridor	Acres
Airport Drive (Spur 325 to Armstrong Drive)	5.77
Crossroads (US 281 / TX 79)	4.30
Hammon Road (US 287 / TX 79)	21.57
US 287 / US 281 Interchange	27.72
I 44 Interchange	5.18
I 44 / Iowa Park Road	3.78
Kell Freeway (US 277 / US 82) Bridwell to Lawrence	27.18
Loop 11 / Iowa Park Road	2.43
Total Highway Corridor Acreage Maintained	97.93



*Photo above, on US 287 / TX 79 at the eastern entry into the city, is one of many highway corridor beautification projects.*



CITY OF WICHITA FALLS  
 HIGHWAY CORRIDORS  
 MAINTAINED BY  
 PARKS & RECREATION

CITY LIMITS  
 HIGHWAY CORRIDORS  
 WICHITA FALLS PARKS

  
 WICHITA FALLS  
 TEXAS  
 HIGHWAY CORRIDORS  
 MAP D



**Table 18**  
**Maintained Boulevard Medians**

Boulevard	Acres
Beech	0.18
Birch	0.18
Brenda Hursh	0.27
Bridwell	0.14
Cedar	0.28
Cherry	0.26
Collins	0.95
Cypress	0.89
Eastside Drive	5.71
Emanuel Davis	1.44
Galveston	0.56
Grace	0.13
Hairpin	0.04
Harding	1.12
Harrison	1.92
Hiawatha	0.41
Horseshoe	0.02
Hyde Park	0.18
Indian Heights	0.29
Kell East	1.54
Kemp	1.50
Kessler	2.23
Loop 11	7.55
Maplewood	10.33
Maurine	0.72
Midwestern	6.09
Missile Road	1.73
Ninth	1.02
Pearl	0.37
Seymour Highway	1.90
Sheppard Access Road	0.70
Southwest Parkway	0.31
Spur 325	0.32
Tanglewood	0.32
Wenonah	0.80
Total Boulevard Acreage Maintained	52.40



*Photos of structures covering signal light  
control cabinets in medians*



**Table 19 - Maintained Traffic Triangles**

Triangle	Acres
Brook	0.05
Eastside Dr. & Burkburnett Rd.	0.27
Eastside Dr. & Rosewood	0.03
Hampstead & Midwestern	0.41
Jacksboro & East Scott	0.14
Jacksboro & US 287	0.02
Jacksboro & Midwestern	0.03
Kemp & Kell	0.04
Kemp & Ninth	0.24
Loop 11 & Maurine	0.03
Loop 11 & North Beverly	0.03
Rugeley Circle	0.10
Seymour Highway & Loop 11	0.14
Seymour Highway & Sunset Dr	0.03
Sheppard AFB Main Gate	0.24
Sisk Road	0.11
Southwest Parkway & Fairway	0.02
Spur 325	0.09
Staley Circle	0.15
Taft & Ellingham	1.31
Taft & Martin	0.96
Tenth St. & Avenue A	0.05
Wichita Gardens	2.17
Willow	1.07
Total Triangle	
Acreage Maintained	7.73



*Photos above of structures covering signal light control cabinets in major intersections.*

**Table 20 - Public Building Grounds Acreage**

Building	Acres
Central Services Maintenance Complex	1.54
City Hall Annex (Municipal Court)	0.37
Kemp Center for the Arts	1.86
Martin Luther King Center	0.38
Memorial Auditorium / City Hall	2.17
River Bend Nature Works	10.83
Wichita Falls Municipal Airport	7.38
Wichita Falls Police Station	0.86
Wichita Falls / Wichita County Public Health Center	1.48
Wichita Falls Public Library / Recreation Center	0.60
Total Public Building Grounds Acreage Maintained	27.47

## B. Trails and Greenways

Hiking, biking walking and jogging trails are very important to residents as well as visitors to the city. There are over 12 miles of existing trails, over 4 miles of funded trails and over 3 miles of proposed trails as shown in **Table 21**. Most parts of the existing trails have lighting and benches throughout, and connect some parks along the way. **Table 22** indicates the acreage that accompanies the linear trail system that is maintained and landscaped by the department.



*Newly constructed walk on the linear park along the Wichita River.*

## D. City Property Outside City Limits

Approximately 20 miles from the City of Wichita Falls is Lake Arrowhead, the city's major source of water. The lake and much of the land around it provide recreation and open space for much of North Texas. In addition to Lake Arrowhead State Park, which is owned and operated by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, the City of Wichita Falls owns seven undeveloped parks adjacent to the lake, identified in **Table 23**. The department performs some minor maintenance on these parks (right-of-way mowing and trash removal) once or twice monthly. There are nearly 1,000 acres of undeveloped open space parcels, identified in **Table 24**, along the lake, which is city owned but not maintained.

## E. Non Municipal Facilities and Resources

In addition to municipally owned facilities, there are other facilities and resources available to residents of Wichita Falls. These are provided by private sector and other public agencies such as the Wichita Falls Independent School District, City View Independent School District, and the Burkburnett Independent School District. A few facilities owned by Midwestern State University are also available to residents of the community when not in use for university functions. **Table 25** provides an overview of private sector and **Table 26** provides an overview of the other public facilities in the city. In addition to Midwestern State University, there are 3 school districts either fully or partially within the city limits of Wichita Falls. The Wichita Falls Independent School District is by far the largest with 20 elementary schools, 4 junior high schools, 3 high

schools, and 3 career schools. The City View Independent School District facilities are within the city limits and include 1 high school, a junior high school and an elementary school. The Burkburnett Independent School District has 1 elementary school that falls within the city limits. It has been determined that these school and university facilities are extremely limited to the public because of the enormous amount of use for school functions. Previous attempts to develop a cooperative use agreement of school facilities between the city and school district have been unsuccessful.

**Table 21**  
**Trail System Length**

Existing Trails	Miles
Bridwell Park (type I)	0.37
Lucy Park (asphalt – type II)	1.57
* Lucy Park (concrete – type I)	2.14
Lucy Park (dirt – type III)	1.00
Lynwood East Park (type I)	0.52
* O'Reilly Park (type I)	2.26
* Weeks Park (type I)	2.80
* Williams Park (type I)	1.38
Total Existing Trail System Length Maintained	12.04

Funded Trails (not yet constructed)	Miles
* East Scott (type I)	0.74
Lake Wichita Park (chat – type II)	1.53
* Lake Wichita Park (concrete – type I)	2.57
Total Funded Trail System Length To Be Constructed & Maintained	4.84

Proposed Trails	Miles
* Hamilton (type I – connector through Hamilton Park)	0.68
* Jacksboro (type I – connector, East Scott to Hamilton)	2.30
* Spillway (type I – Lake Rd. to Lake Wichita Dam)	0.42
Total Proposed Trail System Length To Be Constructed & Maintained	3.40

\* Indicates trail sections in the 15.29 mile, Lucy Park to Lake Wichita Park proposed linear trail system, included in the city-wide trail system master plan.

**Table 22 - Linear Trail System Acreage**

Trail Section	Acres
O'Reilly (City / County Health Unit to O'Reilly Park)	9.45
O'Reilly (O'Reilly Park to Williams Park)	11.10
Williams (Williams Park to Eastside Drive)	7.54
East Scott (Eastside Drive to East Scott St.)	6.73
Jacksboro (East Scott St. to Hamilton Park)	20.91
Weeks (Southwest Parkway to Lake Road)	9.30
Spillway (Lake Road to Lake Wichita Dam)	3.82
Lake Wichita (Lake Wichita Dam to Lake Wichita Park)	12.15
Total Linear Trail System to be Maintained	81.00

*Note: The linear trail acreage in table 22 above does not include linear trail acreage when the trail sections are located within parks. This acreage is included as part of the park acreage.*



*Trails receive a variety of uses from daily recreation use to kid fishing events.*

**Table 23 - Lake Arrowhead Park Acreage**

Park	Acres
Deer Creek	40.00
Little Post Oak Creek	45.48
Ouchita	19.76
Pawnee Point	9.60
Shoshoni	93.58
Tonkawa	178.78
West Arrowhead	263.30
Total Lake Arrowhead Park Acreage	650.50



**Table 24**  
**Lake Arrowhead Open Space Acreage**

Open Space Designation	Acres
Adaes	1.40
Adobe	1.70
Alasapa	8.00
Apache	3.30
Arapahoe	7.20
Black Bean	2.00
Caddo	3.70
Cavalier	13.25
Chickasaw	1.60
Chippewa	9.30
Coapites	3.57
Coronado Island	24.47
Crooked Bend	2.40
Crow Trace	7.50
Crow Trace Point	9.30
Delaware Trail	6.00
East Arrowhead	39.10
Hogback	6.46
Jumanos	11.14
Kickapoo	1.85
Lipan	14.81
Natsoo Peninsula	56.20
Navasota Island	39.99
Nocatee	72.70
North	505.00
Old Paint	0.90
Old Railroad Grade	21.27
Onion Creek	8.34
Pueblo	5.10
Santana	4.80
Satank	5.17
Seminole Island	11.20
Spillway Point	41.90
Tilijayo	2.00
Vaca Island	4.26
West Arrowhead Lane	3.40
Windmill Draw	6.23
Ysleta Point	3.86
Total Lake Arrowhead Open Space Acreage	970.37

**Table 25**  
**Private Sector Facilities**

Inventory of Private Recreational Facilities in Wichita Falls	
No. Facilities	Facility
(1)	Bowling alley
(4)	Health & fitness centers
(1)	Roller skating rinks
(4)	Outdoor swimming pools
(1)	Gymnastics instruction center
(1)	Entertainment complex with miniature golf, baseball batting cages, bumper boats, golf driving range, go-carts, and arcade
(2)	Golf driving ranges
(1)	18-hole golf course
(1)	Auto race track
(2)	Movie theaters (16 screens)
(4)	Dance studios
(3)	Billiard parlors
(3)	YMCA's with gyms & indoor swimming pools
(1)	YMCA with gym & outdoor swimming pool
(1)	'The Place' with gym & indoor swimming pool
(1)	Boys & Girls Club with gym & indoor swimming pool
(4)	Boys & Girls Clubs with gyms & no pool
(1)	Southside Girls Club with gym
(1)	Little League baseball complex
(1)	Girls softball complex
(1)	Youth soccer complex
(1)	Campfire Boys & Girls facility with park, rental building, pool, shelter, playground, sand volleyball court, softball practice field, and basketball court
(1)	Notre Dame private school with gym, baseball field, soccer fields, and lighted football field
(2)	Senior citizen facilities

**Table 26 - Other Public Facilities**

<b>Inventory of Independent School District Facilities in Wichita Falls</b>	
Wichita Falls Independent School District	
(4)	Unlighted Running Tracks
(2)	Lighted Running Tracks
(7)	Gymnasiums
(21)	Playgrounds
(41)	Tennis Courts
(6)	Practice Football Fields
(2)	Lighted Game/Practice Football Fields
(3)	Baseball Practice Fields
(1)	Lighted Football Stadium
(1)	Lighted Baseball Stadium
City View Independent School District	
(2)	Gymnasiums
(1)	Game/Practice Football Field
(1)	Lighted Football Stadium (under construction)
(1)	Playground
(1)	Running Track (under construction)
Burkburnett Independent School District	
(1)	Playground
Midwestern State University	
(10)	Lighted Tennis Courts



*There are a number of lighted tennis courts in Wichita Falls, both public and private, within close proximity to one another. The city attracts numerous tennis tournaments annually bringing in many visitors.*